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SUBJECT: EXPANSION OF ACOUSTIC RESEARCH PROGRAM OFF  
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REFS: A. NASSAU 1514 B. STATE 186007

1. DEPARTMENT AND DOD CONCUR WITH COMMENTS PARA 2, REF A,  
THAT, IN PRINCIPLE, NOTIFICATION TO GCOB NOT REQUIRED FOR  
ACTIVITIES BEYOND BAHAMIAN TERRITORIAL WATERS. SINCE IT  
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NOW APPEARS THAT THE UN LOS CONFERENCE WILL NOT CONCLUDE

ITS WORK UNTIL THE SUMMER OF 1975 AT THE EARLIEST, WE WOULD NOT BE FACED WITH A NEW BAHAMIAN TERRITORIAL SEA AND POSSIBLE ARCHIPELAGO REGIME UNTIL THAT TIME.

2. AS INDICATED IN REF B, THE INSTRUMENTATION FOR THIS EXPANDED RESEARCH PROGRAM WILL CONSIST OF THREE OCEANOGRAPHIC DATA BUOYS, TO BE IMPLACED BEYOND THE PRESENTLY CLAIMED TERRITORIAL SEA LIMIT OF THE BAHAMAS, TWO ELECTRODES AND RECEIVERS TO BE LAID ON THE BOTTOM BEYOND THE TERRITORIAL SEA LIMIT OF THE BAHAMAS, BUT WITH CABLE LEADING ASHORE, AND AN ACOUSTIC SOUND SOURCE TO BE PLACED ON THE BOTTOM ONE MILE OFF-SHORE. ALTHOUGH THE USE OF THESE LATTER INSTRUMENTS WILL NECESSARILY IMPINGE ON BAHAMIAN TERRITORIAL WATERS, THEIR INSTALLATION AND OPERATION ARE CONSIDERED TO FALL WITHIN THE PURVIEW OF THE EXISTING AGREEMENT (TIAS 3927)

AND WITH THE POSSIBLE EXCEPTION OF THE SUBMARINE CABLES, WOULD NOT APPEAR TO REQUIRE EXPRESS NOTIFICATION TO OR APPROVAL BY GCOB.

3. THE TWO BUOYS CONTAINING THE RADIOISOTOPE POWER GENERATORS (RPG), WHICH ARE UNDERSTOOD TO BE OF LIKELY CONCERN TO GCOB, WILL BE LOCATED AT 25-21N/75-52W AND 25-50N/75-55W, APPROXIMATELY 18 AND 20 NAUTICAL MILES OFF-SHORE, RESPECTIVELY, ASSUMING THAT THE LOS CONFERENCE AGREES TO A 12 MILE TERRITORIAL SEA -LIMIT, THE TWO BUOYS WOULD BE OUTSIDE THE INTERNATIONALLY AGREED TERRITORIAL SEA, WITH OR WITHOUT A LEGAL REGIME FOR ARCHIPELAGIC WATERS. ALSO, AS NOTED IN PARA 13 OF REF B, NAVY PLANS TO REPOSITION THESE TWO BUOYS FROM 100 TO 200 MILES FROM THE BAHAMAS SOMETIME AFTER JULY 1975. THE THIRD BUOY, WHICH WILL NOT BE RPG POWERED, WILL BE LOCATED ABOUT 6 MILES FROM ELEUTHERA AT COORDINATES 25-19N/76-13W. ITS STATUS WOULD BE THE SUBJECT OF FUTURE NEGOTIATIONS IN THE EVENT OF AN INTERNATIONALLY AGREED INCREASE IN THE BREADTH OF THE TERRITORIAL SEA.

4. ALTHOUGH ALL THREE BUOYS ARE TO BE LOCATED IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS, WE CONCUR THAT IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE, AS A MATTER OF COURTESY, TO ADVISE GCOB IN GENERAL TERMS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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REGARDING THIS PROJECT. THEREFORE, AT YOUR DISCRETION, YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO INFORM GCOB OF THE GENERAL PURPOSE AND DEPLOYMENT OF THIS PROJECT, BUT NOT OF THE RPGS. HOWEVER, INSTALLATION OF THE THREE BUOYS SHOULD NOT BE CONTINGENT UPON RECEIPT OF A FAVORABLE RESPONSE FROM THE GCOB.

5. UNLESS YOU PERCEIVE FURTHER PROBLEMS, WE PLAN TO AD-

WISE DOD THAT WE HAVE NO OBJECTION TO THE IMMEDIATE COMMENCEMENT OF THIS PROJECT. KISSINGER

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